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FOR OPIC GERALD MORGAN AND CU/NEA

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SUBJECT: BAHARNA VISIT AND STATUS OPIC AGREEMENT

IN MEETING PRIOR TO MINISTER OF STATE BAHARNA'S DEPARTURE FOR U.S., AMBASSADOR PRODDERED HIM ONCE AGAIN RE STATUS OF PROPOSED OPIC AGREEMENT WHICH HAS LONG Languished IN GOB CABINET. BAHARNA SAID HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING OPIC OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON DURING HIS STAY AS EXCHANGE VISITOR BUT THAT AT THIS STAGE THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER FOR HIM TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVELY ABOUT OPIC AGREEMENT. WITH SOME EMBARRASSMENT HE ARGUED FORCEFULLY THAT "HIS HANDS ARE CLEAN". HE HAS TRANSLATED DRAFT AGREEMENT INTO ARABIC AND PRESENTED IT TO CABINET ALONG WITH MEMORANDUM STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT GOB ACCEPT IT. CABINET HAS DISCUSSED AGREEMENT BUT DELAYED ACTION WHEN SEVERAL MINISTERS BELATEDLY RAISED WHAT BAHARNA OF ALL PEOPLE DESCRIBES AS NIT PICKING QUESTIONS. BAHARNA REMAINS CONFIDENT AGREEMENT WILL BE APPROVED, AND CLAIMS TO HAVE ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER TO PUSH IT ALONG TOWARD APPROVAL DURING HIS ABSENCE. HE COULD GIVE NO ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN GOB MIGHT APPROVE IT.

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